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10 December 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Security Support Division

VIA : CI/OA

SUBJECT : NIZNANSKY, Ladislav Alfred
Employed 1 February 1954

1. It is requested that a proprietary approval be granted subject for use as Interviewer/RFE/Europe.

attached 2. Biographic information concerning subject is ~~on file in your office.~~ (DOB 24 Oct. 1917; POB Nove Mesto, Lutisa, CSR.)

3. Field traces have been conducted with the following results: Region IV CIC, nothing derogatory.

430th CIC File Check: Subject has 20 aliases all of which are ~~various~~

variations in the spelling of the following names: Ladislaus Milan NIZNANSKY, Ludwig MALECKA, Ludwig NALEPKA, Viktor MAIER, Wilhelm MISA, and Wilhelm MICHEL. (B-2) Subject stated that he volunteered for the Czech Army in 1936 and was sent to various officer's training schools. He served as Lieutenant and Captain from 1938 until 1944, at which time his entire garrison deserted to the Partisans to fight against the Germans. Subject was captured by the Germans in December 1944, lost his commission, and became a prisoner of the Russians in May 1945. Re-appointed as a Staff Captain in the Czech Army in October 1945, subject was arrested by the Obranne Bezpecnostni Zpravodajstvi (Military Counter Intelligence) (OBZ) in January 1946. Subsequently subject was released and reinstated in the Czech Army. In early July 1947 subject was called to the Espionage Section of the General Staff in Prague and informed that he was to go to Austria, pose as a deserter and attempt to contact and join emigre groups to determine the amount of aid given to the groups by US agencies. When he reached Vienna, subject contacted an Allied Intelligence Agency, and revealed that he had been sent to Austria by the Czech Intell. Service (CIS) for the purpose of obtaining information. Subject was then employed by an Allied agency. A known CIS agent, he was a ~~first~~ friend of subject and that subject's parents still resided in the CSR. (C-3) In Jan'y, Security Officer 1953 subject was given a polygraph examination-International Organizations Division ation which tended to indicate that possibly he was withholding information. (Unevaluated) In August 1955 subject applied for USEP assistant. (B-2) R Another Region IV CIC check is attached.

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NIZNANSKY, Ladislav, aka Ludwig MALECKA, aka Ludwig NALEPKA, aka Viktor MAIER
aka Wilhelm MISA, aka Wilhelm MICHEL

1. (C) Information dated September 1953 indicates that Ladislav A. NIZNANSKY, born 24 October 1917 at LUTISA, District of Kysucke Nove Mesto, Slovakia, volunteered for the Czech Army in 1936 and was sent to various officers training schools. SUBJECT served as Lieutenant and Captain from 1938 to 1944, when his entire garrison deserted to the Partisans to fight against the Germans. SUBJECT was captured by the Germans in December 1944, lost his commission, and became a prisoner of the Russians in May 1945. SUBJECT was reappointed as a Staff Captain in the Czech Army in October 1945, and was arrested by the Obranne Bezpecnosti Zpravodajstvi (Military Counter Intelligence) (OBZ) on 5 January 1946. SUBJECT was released and reinstated in the Czech Army. In early July 1947, SUBJECT was called to the Espionage Section of the General Staff in PRAGUE and informed that he was to go to Austria, pose as a deserter, and attempt to contact and join emigre groups to determine the amount of aid given to the groups by the United States. SUBJECT contacted the American authorities when he reached VIENNA and revealed that he had been sent to Austria by the CIS for the purpose of obtaining information. A known CIS agent alleged that he was a friend of SUBJECT and that SUBJECT's parents still reside in the CSR. (C-3). In January 1953, SUBJECT was given a polygraph examination and reactions usually associated with deception were noted when SUBJECT answered certain questions. (UNEVALUATED)

2. (C) Information dated December 1955 further reveals that SUBJECT was employed by an allied intelligence agency from August 1949 to January 1953. (E-2)

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